

PSC Provost to step down

By Cody Hickey
Feature Editor

"He's a wonderful man, and we really hate to see him go," says Eva Tasker, maintenance worker at Potomac State, a sentiment echoed across the campus from the dining hall to the library, since Dr. Kerry S. Odell announced his plans to step down as campus provost on June 30, 2012.

Jill Gardner, library director, said, "If it weren't for his charisma and passion, we would not have the library we have today."

Odell began his career at PSC as interim president from 2003-2005, during which he oversaw the integration of PSC and WVU. "I think we more than accomplished that task and exceeded everyone's expectations," Odell said of the transition.

Odell obtained his associate's degree from the State University of New York at Alfred, then a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. He earned a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University and his doctorate from Ohio State University.

Prior to coming to PSC, Odell worked as the associate dean at the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design. There, he was responsible for undergrad and grad programs, fundraising, and development.

Odell has also traveled

the world with various study abroad programs. "I am an advocate for study abroad," said Odell. "It changes how you view the world."

During his time as provost, Odell has led many projects to help improve the campus and community. The enrollment at PSC has grown by more than 500 since Odell began. Odell is pleased that there are now more than 40 tenure track teaching positions at PSC compared with 28 when he started.

Odell has also added more than 400 parking spots on campus, but still, "parking will always be an issue. There's just not enough space."

University Place was also constructed during Odell's tenure in 2007. UP houses more than 350 students.

Currently, Odell is "preparing information for the transition process." A new provost will be selected by a search committee of representatives associated with the college.

When asked his future plans, Odell said with a smile, "The one question I was actually prepared for..." and started to rummage through his front pocket. He then pulled out pictures: a granddaughter, Madison, who turns 6 in December; her brother, Tucker, who is 1 year old; Fox, a 21 month old; and brother, Karson, who turns 1 in November.



Provost Kerry Odell speaks with the Pasquino editorial staff about his time at Potomac State. Pictured with Odell (clockwise) Charles Walker, Katelyn Eichelberger, Cody Hickey, Grant Dale, Professor Fred Jacoby, Andrew Crites, Moet Wilson, and Marshall Porter. Photo by Kate Sedgwick

Record freshman class enrolls for fall semester

By Katelyn Eichelberger
Feature Editor

Potomac State College is welcoming the largest number of freshman and the second highest enrollment ever in the history of the college.

Opening day numbers (Aug. 22) showed a total of 1,815 students; 752 of those students were freshman according to Beth Little, director of Enrollment Services. Additional num-

bers about the fall 2011 semester will be released in October.

Little said that this did not come as a surprise to the school. By watching the numbers from the prior October, the school is able to plan in advance what numbers the school may bring in.

"Our number of freshman has grown consistently each year," Little says. According to the fall 2010 enrollment Potomac State College was fifth in highest number of freshman out of 11 West Virginia public institutions.

She continued, "We were down about 5.6 percent in full-time returning students. I think two factors impacting this decrease would be a record number

of graduates in May 2011 and also a higher number of students changing campuses to WVU this fall."

The opening day numbers show that there are 41 more non-West Virginia resident students compared to last year and a slight decrease in West Virginia resident students.

There are total of 788 of male students and 779 female students taking on-campus courses.

Little does not suspect that there will need to be any changes in the school even as the freshman class climbs.

Little's advice for the freshman is that students should always go to class and be sure to check their MIX e-mails daily!



Pasquino: Who are you?

We are the staff of your student newspaper, beginning our 91st year of continuous publication on the campus of Potomac State College. We are journalism majors and students from other majors, learning the craft of writing, editing, photography, interviewing, and page layout. We are proud of America's First Amendment free-press proclamation. We are proud of our name, Pasquino, in use since 1921, in honor of the Roman statue pictured left, one of Rome's "talking statues," where citizens left anonymous writings, critical of the government.

Tutoring moves to larger facility

By Kate Sedgwick
Editor

The Academic Success Center has relocated right down the hallway to Science Hall, Room 109, for bigger and better success. Now with an increase in space and privacy, students have the opportunity to get free tutoring in subjects such as math, English, biology and psychology.

There is now a designated quiet area that provides students with the ideal environment needed for learning.

The tutors are Jen Jones, full-time biology tutor; Lynn Laird, full-time English tutor; Martha Hood, part-time English tutor; Molly Bennett, part-time sociology/psychology tutor, and the ASC is still awaiting a math tutor. Peer tutors will provide math tutoring until the position is filled.

With four tutors available, students are being accommodated in the early weeks of the semester, but Molly Bennett, Academic

Success Center coordinator, stresses that students should get in early "before the hole gets too deep." Closer to midterms, the availability of the tutors becomes limited, said Bennett.

"Tutoring is not meant to just help you pass a test, it's meant to be a supplement to what goes on in the classroom," explains Bennett.

There are three main ways to get tutoring help: call the Academic Suc-

cess Center (304-788-7405) to make an appointment, walk into the office, and email (PSC-ASC@mail.wvu.edu). The office hours are Monday through Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Thursday and Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

With the closing of Student Support Services, a tutoring service that lost its federal funding for this year, all tutoring is now concentrated in the Academic Success Center.



Students dressed up their dorm rooms with new posters from the poster sale at the Student Union.

Photo by Kate Sedgwick

Cops busy on campus

By Andrew Crites
Campus News Editor

The PSC Campus Police Department has had its hands full this fall semester. The PSC police responded to 83 complaints/calls for service from Aug. 15 to Aug. 29. Calls dramatically increased when students moved back on campus.

When asked about the nature of these complaints, PSC Police Chief Fred Downey said, "The crimes of opportunity are up!" Downey said students should take responsibility for locking their dorm rooms, and recommends that students not leave personal items in common areas where they can be taken.

Just like other college campuses in America, drugs, alcohol, and underage consumption is an issue at Potomac State College. Within a two-week period, the PSC Police had to issue warnings and arrests for intoxicated students, and CDS cases (drug investigations) are still ongoing.

The department has wel-

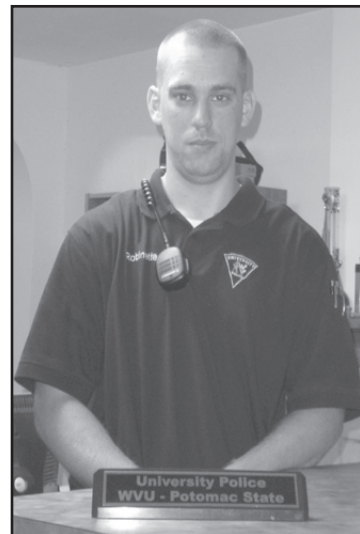


Photo by Andrew Crites

comed two new officers into its family: Chad Robinette and Tom Burdock.

Robinette is a new Campus Police Officer. Since his hire in January, Robinette attended the 16-week basic police officer training at the West Virginia State Police Academy. He is now a West Virginia Certified Police Officer. Robinette had served two years as the Parking Enforcement Officer.

Since August 15, Tom Burdock has taken his place as the new Parking Enforcement Officer. Prior to joining the campus police, Burdock worked for three security companies: Western Maryland Health Systems, Allegany College of Maryland, and Dunbar Armored Car. Burdock reminded the campus community that starting Sept. 5, parking tickets will be issued for parking violations.

With the ten-year anniversary of 9/11 this month, Downey responded to concerns about campus safety and security.

Downey stressed campus' heightened awareness and his department's increased training. Downey said WVU has an Emergency Alert system that can be transmitted by cell phone text or by e-mail; there's also an Active Shooter Alert that is used through the emergency system.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Emergency Alert system sent out warnings concerning the 5.9 Richter scale earthquake that occurred along the East Coast on Aug. 30.

Hippie music festival set in hills of WV this weekend



By Travis Litt
Staff Writer

The Recipe Family Cookout, featuring long-time Morgantown jam-grass band The Recipe, will highlight a weekend festival starting Friday at Sunshine Daydream Campground, about an hour from campus.

This will be the festival's 13th season, says Joe Prichard, The Recipe's founder and former WVU student. "It's really nice this thing

has happened for 13 years. Looks like it will happen 13 more at least."

In addition to live music, the Cookout features the Hippielympics, where teams compete in games such as an egg toss, hula-hooping, and hippie slip and slide bowling.

Campers are encouraged to join a team. The annual Porch Bowl will be played on Sunday afternoon, a football game for fans versus the band.

The Recipe will play both nights of the Cookout, including many songs from their catalog and some "fun lovin', foot stompin' tunes," Prichard says.

Last year, The Recipe Family Cookout returned home to Sunshine Daydream for the first year since 2002. It was Shannon Jones' first year playing with the band at the Cookout.

"I'm happy and I'm confident in my ability. It means everything in the world to be confident in what you're doing. I'm going to pull out every stop *The Family* can imagine," says Jones.

The lineup for this year's festival is huge. The Recipe will play both nights, joined by Ekoostic Hookah, Rumpke Mountain Boys, the reunion of Plaid Iguana Project, and 10 other acts.

Rick Kline, front man of Plaid Iguana, says, "The Recipe changed the entire course of my life! Seeing

them for the first time in '97 got me involved in the Maryland music scene.

"My first professional gig was as a fill-in bassist for them. My first working gig was the first Recipe Cookout at SSDD in '99. I met my first wife there and became their road manager.

"The Recipe is the best it has been in many years. Should be a very good time."

If you're looking for something to do off campus this weekend, pack up your camping gear and head to The Recipe Family Cookout in Terra Alta, W.Va.

Don't forget your sunscreen and a hoodie because Terra Alta days are sunny and nights can get pretty chilly.

Tickets are \$50 at the gate.

Check out wefarmhippies.com for festival details and directions.

Rattlesnake cuisine featured at cooking class

By Caroline Peters
Staff Writer

Snake meat, frog legs, and goat cheese were on the menu at last week's cuisine class, held at the hospitality program cooking area and hosted by Potomac State's Chef Vieli and grill master Keith Lewis.

Hospitality student Laszidy spoke with us as she was stirring the veal sauce, "It's a great time. We've learned a lot." Amanda Bennett spoke highly of her experience with the event, "We do this every other Thursday. We help prepare the food, hands on." John Campbell shared with us saying, "This has given me the opportunity to try different foods, cuisines, styles of cooking, and concepts of ingredients."

The class was filled with a variety of students, ranging everywhere from married folk to curious eaters. "We are dietarian managers collecting education hours. Potomac students actually come to the hospi-

tal and cook once a year," said some of the women sitting nearby. The adults that surrounded us smiled vividly. When asked why they had taken the class they each had different reasons. "Well, we like to eat," replied one of the couples. Another gentleman replied with, "My wife made me take it."

Cowboy Snake Cakes served as the appetizers of the feast. The snake meat was placed on a toasted bagel with tartar sauce. "This isn't something I would normally eat, and will probably be a one-time thing," said one of the adult diners.

Up next on the menu were the fried frog legs. "These taste just like fried chicken, miss. Believe me, I am from Alabama," said one of the gentleman. They had been sautéed in garlic and onions and rolled in breadcrumbs.

The main entrée was French veal chops, sautéed morels with cream, and grilled Belgium endive.

Dessert was quite the treat: rhubarb-custard pie and grilled figs with prosciutto and goat cheese dipped in white chocolate. A nearby married couple asked the chef what kind of wine should be served with this dessert.

Diners and students alike enjoyed last week's Thursday night dinner at the hospitality program kitchen and grilling area. Below, student John Campbell works his magic.

Photos by Elisha Wagoner



Horse Show, free, Saturday, Sept. 24

By Tyler Yoak, Contributing Writer

Once again the PSC equine program is horsin' around. This year, the program will be embarking on a new venture, hosting a horse show series.

This series will be four shows throughout the school year: pleasure and speed classes. Pleasure classes will be judged on rail work at the walk, jog and lope. Speed classes will consist of barrels, poles, and more.

Profit from these shows will go back to the equine program to help improve the barn and support the heard. There are currently 23 horses in the equine program.

The first show, free for spectators, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the school's riding arena, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Riders are also welcome; entry is \$25 to ride all day. Concessions will be provided by PSC's Agriculture and Forestry Club.

Huge windmills sprout from Green Mountain

By Grant Dale
Campus News Editor

If you looked southwest from the quad this semester, you have noticed the huge windmills sprouting out of the Green Mountain ridge. Windmills are new to Mineral County, but not to West Virginia. Turbines have been operating in nearby Tucker County since 2003.

US WindForce is constructing 23 windmills along the Green Mountain ridgeline. The company Web page declared that this wind farm will produce enough renewable energy to run 14,100 households a year.

Jeff Jones, assistant professor of forestry, says in forestry terms, the windmills have relatively small footprints. They don't require larger amounts on land to be cleared. This project, he says, is easily accessible on Pinnacle Road; therefore, there is no need to construct additional roads and remove more timber.

West Virginia constantly has more timber than is harvested; this renewable energy doesn't harm the forestry industry or the trees themselves.

Jones then described the affect that the windmills will play on the ecosystem. Cutting the tress and allowing the underbrush to grow and create what Jones described as "edge." Basically this is the area that that is between a field and forest. This is where you would find multiflora rose and other underbrush, rabbits and song birds. Turkeys also uses the edge as a feeding ground for insects.

The only con that Jones spoke of was that the small cleared area breaks up the continuous forest. Bears are one of the few animals on the East Coast that are affected by this.

John Arose, an engineer and general manager for windmill projects around the state, says energy from the turbines will be purchased from utility companies and enter the eastern

United States electric grid. This grid serves West Virginia, Virginia, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and parts of New Jersey.

Some of the benefits he spoke of were the amount of tax money that renewable resources bring to Mineral County and West Virginia. Arose also spoke of the small footprint that the windmill towers have. They do not take a lot of space in the forest.

Arose said in a phone interview that local complaints about the windmill project are mostly the look of the turbines in the skyline. Arose noted that he finds them majestic.

Another concern is that the windmills put out a sound as the blades cut through the air. This sound can be heard in the areas close to the windmills.

If you have a chance to break away from campus and need some time to unwind take a drive up on Green Mountain and observe these controversial turbines for yourself.

CLUB NEWS

Student Government Association congratulates Chris Pascoe as the new vice president! The SGA is welcoming everyone to be a part of the student voice. Meetings are every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Loft

Campus and Community Ministries works in the community. Bible Study is held every Monday at 4 p.m. in Reynolds Hall, Room 101 and work projects are every other Friday throughout the local community. Everyone is welcome. Contact James McCune jmccune301@aol.com

Common Ground Diversity Club: The Common Ground is mainly about promoting the diversity in others whether it is race or gender orientation. Meetings are in the Conference Room in Science Hall, dates are not set. Contact advisers Mollie Ravenscroft or Kathy Moore.

Creative Writing Club: The Creative Writing club is for writers from all walks of life to share their writing. Meetings are every other Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Church-McKee, Room 104. Contact the Facebook page: Creative Writing Club of Potomac State College.

Japanese Club: This club is anything and everything Japanese. The members determine the focus of the club. The first club will be held on Sept. 20 in the Distance Learning Classroom, Library, from 3-4 p.m. Contact Reference Librarian Linda Bane.

PSC Serves You is for individuals majoring in education, social work, sociology, and more. Gain community service hours while helping out in the community. Contact advisers Mollie Ravenscroft or Ruth Schneider.

New instructor is passionate about history

By Moet Wilson
Feature Editor

"I'm a total history geek and I love it," says Ms. Cassandra Pritts, our new history instructor.

As a child, she had a passion for history. U.S. history is her favorite, with a special focus on the Industrial Age, World War II, and the Cold War.

Since history wasn't a popular career choice in high school, guidance counselors tried to persuade her to study other things such as law, medi-

cine and accounting.

But Pritts felt "unfulfilled" with her freshmen studies at Frostburg, to the point that she sat crying on the phone to her mother about how she was so undecided.

Her mother asked, "What is it that you love, Cassie?" The first thing that came to her mind was "HISTORY!"

She earned a bachelor's degree in history from FSU in 2001 and a master's degree in history from Duquesne in 2003.

Growing up as a child in Bel Air, Md., Pritts was

fascinated by her mother's china and old family photos, so it wasn't surprising that she worked as a museum director in Cumberland, Md. while teaching college part time.

Now that Pritts is full time, she really wants to connect with the campus by adding to her committee assignments.

In her spare time, Pritts enjoys movies, travel, the History Channel, the beach, and playing piano ("My mother is a piano teacher; I am a little rusty!")



Photo by Kate Sedgwick

Australian student accomplishing goals at PSC

By Charles Walker
Editor

Freshman business major and soccer player Henry Herkes started his journey from 7,491 miles across the Pacific Ocean.

Henry is from Australia, a continent known for its

main attractions: Sydney's Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. But another famous attraction, the outback, is the part of the country that Henry lives closest to.

Henry is from a town

called Angaston, located in South Australia.

"Angaston is a small town with a population of approximately two thousand people, about the same size as this campus," located in the heart of the Barossa Valley.

"Sometimes I can see Kangaroos hopping alone the hills in my backyard."

When asked what motivated him to come to the U.S., Henry said, "I was recruited by Coach Kiddy for soccer through a recruiting agency."

"I also created a to-do list after I graduated high school. After high school I wanted to work, study, continue to play soccer, meet new people, and travel. After I graduated I immediately started working to make some money, that was one thing checked off my to-do list, and by coming here to the U.S., I'm traveling, meeting new people, studying and continuing to play soccer."

According to Henry, the difference between Australia and the U.S. is that "Australia is more laid back" but they still get their tasks done at the same rates as the U.S.

Henry is satisfied with his few weeks stay here at Potomac State College. "I'm enjoying it, especially living on campus because that doesn't happen in Australia."

He has two brothers: Elliot who is 16, and Charlie who is 14.

Henry flew from Aus-



Photo by Charles Walker

Little named top coach

By Marshall Porter
Sports Editor

Head Coach Doug Little has been named 2011 the American Baseball Coaches Association Eastern District Coach of the Year.

"It's a great honor to receive this award, no question, but it comes from the work and sacrifice of two quality assistant coaches and the players on the team. Together we put in a tremendous amount of time and effort, so I am very appreciative of their commitment to our program," Little said.

Last season, the Catamounts posted a 38-12 record, winning NJCAA Region XX, the Eastern District championship, and playing in the NJCAA World Series. The Cats lost to Central Arizona in the semifinals.

"Last year's team was a special team for several reasons. They were an experienced group; we had most of them together for two years," said Little.

"We took some lumps with them the year before



Coach Little checks in with pitcher Cody Ellsworth during a game last season.

Photo from PSC Website

when they were freshmen. We knew if we could keep this group together for two years that they could be something special... We were talented from top to bottom at all positions," he said.

Former Potomac State pitcher Cody Ellsworth agreed that the team had major chemistry and experience that made last season such a great success.

"We all got along really well and for the sophomores we learned a lot from our freshman season after losing to Pitt (Community College) and just missing the World Series," Ellsworth said.

tralia to California, only to get on another plan to Washington D.C and when asked what he thought of the city life in the U.S he responded, "I love the scale of things. Union Station was huge; taxis, buildings and people where everywhere!"

"One thing I like about campus is the intimacy,

because in Australia, when you attend college, you don't live on campus."

Henry plans to keep playing soccer, hopefully at WVU and plans to major in economics.

Campus sources say Henry is one of the only two students from Australia who has every attend Potomac State College.



Editor and photographer Kate Sedgwick pictured the new bridge across the Potomac River from Maryland.

Men win, next at home Friday, Sept. 23

By Aaron Cook
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team has started the season on a good note with wins over Salem University & Patrick Henry College.

The Cats play their next home game against Hagerstown on Friday, Sept. 23.

Before that, the team plays two away games.

Head Coach Ray Kiddy led the Cats in his first year to an 8-5-1 record. He has high expectations for this season.

"Last year we had a mixture of returning players and freshman, and did well. This year we have more freshmen and less experience but a much better overall skill level."

Sophomore Juan Flores, who scored a key goal against Salem University

in the season opener, commented, "I feel good about the season, everyone is working hard considering the time the team has spent together."

The Cats leading scorer is forward Gudiel Guzman. "We have been working good as a team and are setting our goals high."

Lady Cat soccer

AT HOME

Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. against Westmoreland CCC

Friday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. against Frederick CC

Saturday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. against Lord Fairfax CC



In the second game of the season, Henry Henkes (above) advances the ball during a 8-0 victory against Patrick Henry College. Below, Dan Brailier heades the ball; Nathan Main gets past a defender; and Jesse Casto works the ball against a player from Salem International University, a 3-1 win. Photos by Kathi Crites



Volleyball tonight

By Kameron Barnard
Sports Writer
with additional reporting
from Taylor Douthitt

The Lady Cats' volleyball team is again in action tomorrow night with a 7 p.m. match against Garrett Community College in Lough Gym.

The Cats are 16-3 on the season, with a recent win over Penn Highlands CC.

This past weekend tournament at the College of Southern Maryland was cancelled due to weather.

Cindy Elifritz, from Keyser, is the only sophomore on the team. "We are a very young team, but we are learning to work together and we should have a good season."

"I think we have a strong team because we communicate well and we are all hard workers," added freshman Taylor Oates.

Freshman Amber Wesley said, "This is the best team I've ever played on. We all get along so well, everyone cares about one another and we all have so much fun. I'm looking forward to this season, I just hope it doesn't fly by."

"I'm so excited for this season," said freshman Shayla Bartles. "We all

get along so well and I feel like success is just a serve away!"

Returning Head Coach Martha Ganoe lead the team to a 25-4 record last season with WPCC and PCAA Volleyball championships and a third place finish in the Region for the second year in a row.

Championship golf team back in action

By Jennifer Kuh
Sports Writer

The Catamounts are at it again! The PSC golf team won its WPCC golf season opener on Aug. 28 and then placed fourth at the 14th annual Burger King Invitational on September 4-5.

In their first tournament, freshman Matt Nelson lead the way with an even par 71, placing him in first. Chris Bushey shot just three over par 74 to place behind Nelson.

The Catamounts posted all five players with scores in the 70s and shot a tournament-best 300. Rounding out the score were Ryan MacPherson at 77, Kyle Hudgins at 78, and Mike Toth at 78.

This past weekend the

Catamounts stepped up their competition and headed to Parkersburg. The tournament featured 12 total schools in the event. Potomac State was the only two-year college to participate.

Asked why play against four-year schools, Head Coach Aaron Edwards said, "For two reasons, one because it's better competition. And two, it helps current golfers get recruited to four year schools."

The tournament was played in two days. On the second day, the Catamounts saw themselves not only battling with the other teams but with the weather as well. One golfer noted, "It was awful. It didn't stop raining. We were all soaked."

Chris Bushey, a returning All-American, had an overall finish of third place. He also made the All-Tournament Team. Matt Nelson and Mitch O'Shell finished in 11th place and Mike Toth placed 20th overall.

The team's total score at the end of the second day was 597, which was the fourth best in the tournament. An amazing statistic was that no Catamount shot in the 80s. No other team accomplished that.

Although the Catamounts didn't bring home the victory, Edwards was very happy with the results, "It was a very successful tournament. We have three freshman and sophomore starters. Every team there had junior and seniors."

In his seven years of coaching the best they have finished was second place in 2008.

Edwards has had lots of success in his seven years at Potomac State. His overall regular season record here at PSC is 385-61 (.863). That is all NJCAA and NCAA competitions. His NJCAA record stands at 314-11 (.966).

His teams have been ranked nationally, and for the past four years have been Region XX Champions. No other PSC team has won four consecutive championships in the past decade.

The secret to Coach Edwards' success comes in "Good recruiting" and "always looking for improvement."

Our Opinions

9/11 on our minds

Ten years after the attacks, America is looking back to where we were and how we coped with the news. Many of our traditional-aged students were in third or fourth grade, young but still affected. Read responses from some of our students on the back page of this issue. And think where you were and how this milestone in history changed you.

NCAA rules questioned

Mountaineer football is under NCAA probation for two years and will lose three scholarships thanks to the actions of former head coaches Rich Rodriguez and Bill Stewart. Why doesn't the NCAA punish the personnel responsible for the allegations, not the football program under a new coach?

You are telling me that you can coach at a University, break the rules, and get away with it because you got out just in time? Rich Rodriguez just signed to be part of the CBS post-game analysis crew and will be paid a hefty sum for his contribution. How does the NCAA not step in and take stand when he has already left a negative impact on our beloved University?

I think rules violations are outrageous and it's all over the NCAA; Miami and Ohio State are two programs in trouble. The NCAA needs to get their rules straight and stand by them.

You can't set something in stone and then say "Oh well, they're gone; let's just punish the university." You either have rules or you don't; there is no in between.

Marshall Porter

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Freshman reflections

Some freshman English 101 students post thought as the semester opens.

The first week of college was pretty awesome. College is way more independent than high school, not to mention it's way harder. I don't mind the work though, because I usually have more than enough time to get the assignments completed. I also like the breaks in between classes; it makes college feel more laid back and easy. So far college is awesome and it can only get better from here. **Darin Roy**

I was pretty excited to begin my college life, maybe not show up a week early to partake in RA training, but things are working out well. The first week of classes seemed to go by fast but on the other hand the homework has been adding up. I think being an RA was a blessing. I made new friends before classes started and I was able to save my dad some money. I'm looking forward to soccer as well. We have a talented team. Even with class, RA duties, and soccer practice, there's still time to hang out with friends and have some time for myself. All in all, college has been an experience I continue to get used to. **Zachary Saylor**

The past week has been a complete 360 compared to my normal life. Usually I'd be hanging out with friends or being lazy. Right now, I'm focusing on my schedule instead. Though my classes are usually over early in the day, I still have to focus on soccer and work study. I find it rather hard to keep up with everybody since I'm focusing on schoolwork first, so friendships are more distant or strained. Overall, my social life has changed, my work habits have changed, and my activity level has practically sky rocketed. Here's to new things at Potomac State! **Megan Tomkinson**

As a new college student reading these posts make me feel better about my experiences so far. As a freshman, I think that I have started college off on the right foot. One thing that really frightens me are some of my professors. As a pre-veterinary medicine major, I have a heavy academic load. College is so different than high school, in more ways that I even imagined. Sometimes it's hard to get a feel for some of my professors. I hate not knowing what they expect out of me. I want to respect them, work hard, and make the grades I know I can make! **Ryan Turner**

I have a bad habit of procrastinating, and I know that I need to break that habit. I chose work study that would be helpful towards my major. The only thing that bothers me about this is that I'm unsure if I will be able to balance out school work and the work study effectively. I am also bothered that I may not be able to watch all the Jets games on Sundays and Mondays because New York stations are not picked up down here. I've never missed a game before. I've been thinking a lot about my friends and family back home. I miss them all so much, and it doesn't help that I can't just go visit whenever I please. **Sean Considine**

I haven't started the year off right, seeing as how I've already missed two classes because I read my schedule wrong. It's been tough trying to adjust to the college lifestyle. It's a lot different than I expected. I also miss all my friends and family back home. Hopefully I do can better in school and get adjusted to the college lifestyle. **Dylan Seeley**

College so far has been either crazy or free form. I'm either racing from one side of the campus to the other or waiting hours for my next class to begin, and parking is a nightmare. However I have so far enjoyed my classes. I'm just going to have to apply myself and focus on doing my homework and not procrastinating so much. It's completely different from high school and that is a great bonus. **Meghan Everett**

So far college has had its ups and downs. I love all my classes, the freedom is great, and I get to see most of my friends from high school. I don't like having to come way early to find a parking spot, then having to walk so far to my classes. All in all I like college and I think it's going to be an unforgettable experience! **Brittney Junkins**

Mixed martial arts becomes newest event on Fox

By Daniel Everhart
Staff Writer

The sport of mixed martial arts (MMA) took a significant step toward mainstream popularity by signing a seven-year deal with Fox last month.

MMA, a fighting sport that combines boxing, wrestling and multiple martial arts, has aired on cable and pay-per-view for the past 13 seasons.

Several students on campus are big followers of this fast-growing sport. Ben Shumaker, of University Place and a major in athletic training and coaching, said, "It's going to be a good thing for them. It will bring them lots of exposure."

Mike Griffin, also in UP, and a general studies major, stated "If the fights are free on Fox, they will be good, guaranteed."

Daniel Lake, in Friend Hall and a PE major, said, with shock on his face, "Yo, that's whack dude!"

The Fox deal was inked with the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)

league. UFC President Dana White said at the press conference, "This was it for me. This is what I always wanted. This is the pinnacle for us...to get a deal with Fox."

The Fox deal allows the UFC to present original programming, plus live fights and re-airings of past fights on the Fox network, as well as sister networks Fuel TV and FX, the latter being the new home of TUF.

White also announced several more changes to TUF, such as the coaches bringing in their training camps, and fans being able to vote on who fights. "This is revolutionary television right here," White said.

He also promised to show the raw, live aftermath after each bout as well.

The first live fights will take place on Nov. 12, ironically on the same night as the fight between boxing

superstar Manny Pacquiao and Juan Marquez on pay-per-view.

Many exciting bouts have already been announced, including a lightweight war between Clay "The Carpenter" Guida and former WEC Lightweight Champion Ben "Smooth" Henderson.

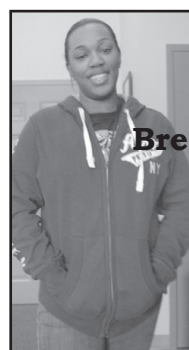
The cream of the crop, however, is the main event, which is not only one of the most anticipated heavyweight fights in UFC history, but arguably the biggest fight ever held on free TV, as Cain Velasquez defends the UFC Heavyweight Championship against number one contender Junior dos Santos.

"This is our Forrest Griffin-Stephan Bonnar, now on a huge, massive platform, and we need to deliver, and there's no doubt in my mind ... that these guys (Griffin and Bonnar) are going to deliver," White said.

FRESHMAN SPEAK:

Interviews by Ralphie Chagola; photos by Hailey Truman

FRESHMEN SPEAK



My biggest adjustment is going to classes on my own time and not having to be in school all day.

Breeona Alston, Capital Heights, Md.



My biggest adjustment is being so far away from my house and my family and my dog.

Jessie Kilcoyne, St. Mary's County, Md.



My biggest adjustment is getting up for all my classes on time.

Pietro Luna, Bellville, N.J.

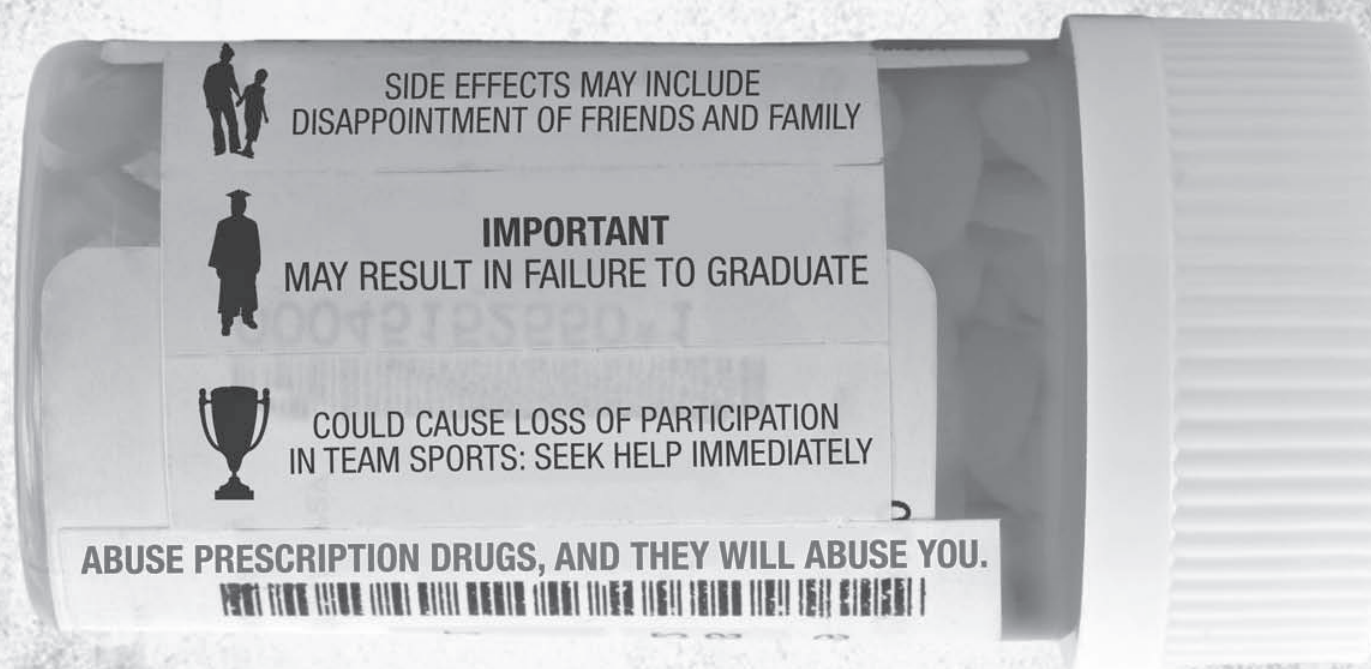


My biggest adjustment would probably be the freedom.

KoAnna Morris, Rosemont, W.Va.

My biggest adjustment is having a steady place to sleep at night.

Philip Rose, Webster, W.Va.



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Flight 93 Memorial opens

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Sunday marked the tenth anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. Even after ten years, America has not forgotten the tragedy or those who were lost.

In honor of the anniversary, Campus and Community Ministries (CCM) sponsored a trip to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. for eight students and four faculty.

Rev. Jim McCune, one of the CCM advisers, was inspired for the trip. "I remember the day it happened. I knew a (Marshall) student who was killed in the Pentagon."

Flight 93 was the third hijacked plane, set to hit the White House; instead, the passengers took control and the plane crashed in the open fields of Shanksville. Forty passengers and crew members lost their lives. According to the National Park Service, a piece of audio found at the sight revealed the shouts and crashes as the hijackers tried to counterattack right before the crash.

Freshman Tyler Gahr lived twenty miles from where the plane crashed. Their community had been

told that if the plane had crashed five flight seconds later, it could have hit their area.

He and his family remember the memorial differently. The memorial used to be a sign in a large field with tributes from family and community members. Now the memorial is a walkway leading to forty plaques in a row with each passenger and crew name. Flowers and pictures were left at the memorial.

The actual crash site is a rock in a large field only open to family members.

On Sunday, the feeling was solemn, but the efforts of all the brave men and women that day could be heard aloud in the individual tributes to those who had fallen. Left at Todd Beamer's memorial was a copy of his wife's book *Let's Roll*, by Lisa Beamer.

The trip was a good reminder to everyone of what happened ten years ago. Some people were saddened by the trip and did not know what to expect when they arrived. And when asked to comment about the trip, some students could not put in to words how they felt.

However, one message that seemed to be across the entire memorial was plain and simple. America will never forget what happened on Sept. 11, 2001.



9/11 Remembered

STUDENT SPEAK

Where were you on 9/11 and how did it affect you?

Interviews by Kate Sedgwick and Moet Wilson; photos by Kate Sedgwick



Charles Walker

Savoy Elementary, Washington, D.C.

"9/11 was a momentous day for America! I remember it like it was yesterday. I was in the fourth grade, and I was in my third period class, and as a fellow classmate was reading he was abruptly interrupted by the powerful sound of a plane. We followed that sound to the window of our classroom and watched in terror, the plane crash into The Pentagon. All of the students, including myself, acted off of impulse and ran outside to try to go home, but were quickly stopped by our school principal."

Did it affect you in any way?

"It affected me because now I have this awful vivid memory, from me actually seeing the attack first hand, that I will never forget."



Megan Turner

Armstrong Elementary, Winchester, Va.

"I was in fourth grade and I was at school. I remember coming inside from recess and seeing my teacher crying and she was trying to explain it to us and no one was really getting the severity of it. We didn't really know what the big deal was. With movies and TV, we see that stuff all the time, so we weren't really thinking that it was that big of a deal for such a young group of kids. The teacher got mad because there were a few boys joking around about it."

Did it affect you in any way?

"I was so young I think the only way it did affect me was seeing the people I cared about upset about it, which in turn, made me upset although I didn't understand exactly what was going on. And then once I got a little older, knowing everything that happened, watching the documentaries, makes me sad to think about all the families and how those people must have felt trying to get out of that situation."



Brad Streets

Tucker Valley Elementary

"I thought it was a joke at first. I felt sorry for the families. That would have to be rough."

How did your school react?

"They kept showing it over and over again. They thought it was right to show it; we had the right to know what was going on."

Did it make you feel any different about attacks and terrorism?

"If it's going to happen, it's going to happen."

"If you really want to know my honest opinion, I think we messed around too long over there. 9/11 was just bad. They came in bombed us. I don't see why we didn't go over there and bomb them and then leave, but no, now we're over there rebuilding all that for them."



Courtney Campbell

Belle Elementary

"Oh my God I'm going to start crying. I was in elementary school in fourth grade, and I was watching the news and they said we couldn't go outside for recess and everyone was mad. And then they turned the TV on and we saw a bunch of bombing and everybody in the school was crying and running around and my Grandma came and got me and I thought that everybody was dead and it was really scary. I was really scared; they should not let little kids watch that on the news. It hurt my feelings."